

Year(s) in Review: The Organization of Agreement States

OAS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, August 2021

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Presented by:
David Crowley (NC), OAS Chair





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Recognizing Key Members

- OAS Board Members
- Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- Served on a Management Review Board
- Served on an IMPEP Team
- Participated on an OAS/NRC Working Group
- Called into a Champions' Chat
- Attended an OAS Meeting

- Every one of us make up the National Materials Program (NMP). **We could not do this without you, and together we can achieve anything!**





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An Exciting Time for OAS

NRC and Agreement States



For the most updated information please visit the OAS and NRC websites:

www.agreementstates.org

<https://scp.nrc.gov/>

OAS also now has a social media presence. Follow us @AgreementStates and tag #OAS2021





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The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)

- Met with partners to ensure essential NMP activities were maintained while protecting employees, licensees and public to greatest extent possible.
- Developed COVID relief and flexibility for licensees and regulatory programs (i.e., virtual inspections or IMPEPs, TI-003).
- Shared knowledge and activities across NMP partners.
- OAS is committed to upholding NMP's mission throughout the PHE.

Evaluating the Impacts of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as Part of the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) TI-003

<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML2018/ML20188A382.pdf>

<https://www.agreementstates.org/covid-19-response.html>

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HOME COVID-19 RESPONSE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETINGS MORE... Search

The Organization of Agreement States (OAS) recognizes that the states have a wide array of options within their regulatory authority. These may include statutes, orders, exemptions, journal entries and waivers to deal with the needs of their regulated community and they will use their authority as needed to protect public health and safety. OAS is providing the following links for consideration by state programs while formulating their policies, but also to aid licensees in identifying how things are addressed in the various state programs.

STATE COVID-19 RESPONSES

Texas DSHS April 13, 2020 Notice to Radioactive Materials Licensees

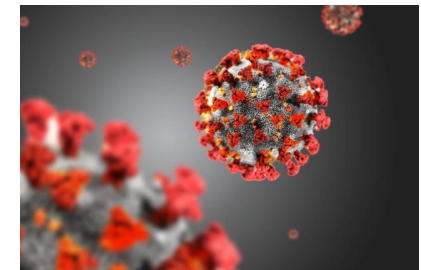
Oklahoma DEQ March 31, 2020 Letter to Licensees Re: COVID-19

North Carolina Radiation Protection Guidance COVID-19

Ohio Deferral of Certain Requirements

Ohio Deferral of Hospital RAM and Radiation Generating Equipment Inspections

Tennessee Radiation Protection Guidance for COVID-19





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Comment Letters

- 2019 –12 comment letters
- 2020 –17 comment letters
- 2021 – 3 letters to date
- Past public comment letters available on the OAS website.
<https://www.agreementstates.org/oas-documents.html>
- If you have comments or would like to engage OAS on any of these or future issues then please contact Libby McCaskill at:
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- NMP Priorities
- NorthStar
- Inspection Manual
- GTCC Waste
- Exubrion
- IAEA Harmonization
- IMC 2800
- Reg Guide 8.39
- In-Situ Recovery
- Y-90 Microspheres
- IMPEP Periodic Meetings
- Dose Monitoring Devices
- Extravasations
- NUREG 1757
- Very Low Level Waste
- SA Procedures
- Authorized Users
- Training and Experience
- Gammanod



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Working Groups

- At any one time OAS may have upwards of 20 active working groups.
- Almost everything produced by the NRC for materials is the result of an OAS-NRC collaboration.
- Find a list of current OAS-NRC working groups at:
<https://scp.nrc.gov/workinggroup.html>
- If you would like to get involved with any of the OAS-NRC working groups, please contact Sherrie Flaherty at:
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Recently Completed or Sunset:

- 10 CFR Part 61
- Cyber Security
- SA Procedures
- Individual Monitoring Devices
- General License Program Re-Evaluation
- NSTS
- Prioritization and Rebaselining
- MD 5.6 IMPEP
- Y-90 Microspheres
- NUREG-1556 Series
- IMPEP Periodic Meetings
- Dose Monitoring Devices
- License Renewal Terms
- Category 3 Source Security
- General License Modernization

Ongoing:

- Patient Release (RG 8.39)
- Emerging Medical Technologies



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OAS Support for IMPEP

- IMPEP Numbers
 - Over past 2 years (July '19 – July '21) there have been 16 IMPEP reviews.
 - The agreement states provided 29 agreement state personnel to participate on IMPEP teams.
 - OAS recruits one state representative to participate in each Management Review Board (MRB).
- IMPEP and COVID
 - COVID delayed but IMPEP overcame, 10 IMPEPs since COVID.
 - In some cases conducted virtual or hybrid IMPEP reviews.
 - NRC has been supportive with states undergoing IMPEP during COVID.
- Recent NRC IMPEP (June '21)
 - First one where all regions were evaluated as a singular program.
 - Had 7 agreement state personnel and 3 NRC staff.
 - Sherrie Flaherty was first state person to be trained as an IMPEP Team Leader.



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NMP Priorities and OAS Strategic Plan

○ NMP Priorities

- Enhanced Communication Portal
- IMPEP and Overall NMP Performance
- Centers of Excellence
- Recruiting and Retaining Health Physicists
- Technical Training
- COVID-19 Activities
- Guidance on Technical Issues (Ex. Extravasations/Fusion)
- RiskSmart Initiatives
- IMC 2800 and Enforcement
- Web-Based Licensing and IT Resources

○ Strategic Plan

- Focuses on enhancing the value of OAS membership
- Strengthening Organizational and Corporate Identity
- Financial Solvency
- Policies and Practices

- In August 2019, NMP Champions created to better support these goals and to build a stronger, more cohesive NMP. Our Champions:
 - Duncan White (NRC)
 - Lee Cox (OAS/NC)



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The End – Questions?

A question for you –
What can OAS do in the future to better
support the NMP?

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